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▶ A Nova Scotia Power employee walks past a broken power pole on Pleasant Street in Dartmouth yesterday.

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Downed pole causes blackouts

A truck struck a pole yesterday morning, causing power to be knocked out to Dartmouth General Hospital and the Nova Scotia Hospital. Power was restored by yesterday afternoon. No patients were evacuated but nine surgeries had to be cancelled at Dartmouth General.

Drilling ban extended

Georges Bank to stay free from oil, gas exploration {page 4}

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Lighting the flame for Games

▶ 2011 Winter Games the largest multi-sport event hosted by Halifax ▶ Thousands of young athletes, officials and volunteers will visit the city Feb. 11-27



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Spirits were ablaze yesterday as preparation for the 2011 Canada Winter Games entered its final stage.

Yesterday marked the 100-day countdown to the Games, and students from Armbrae Academy played a memorable role in the celebrations. One hundred students took turns carrying the 2011 torch from the top of Citadel Hill to the Metro Centre where it was skated to centre ice by Grade 9 student Jessie Dawe.

Mattea Cacchione was lucky enough to lend a hand. The Grade 11 student joined her classmates in the torch rally.

"My heart was beating! It was just so exciting to see the people running behind you and when you finally get the chance to hold the torch ... it's just great," she said.

The flame will visit 120 schools across the Halifax Regional Municipality.

"It's just so great to feel like a part of the Canada Games, it's amazing."

**MATTEA CACCHIONE, GRADE 11 STUDENT
AT ARMBRAE ACADEMY**

Tickets to individual events became available to the public yesterday.

Chris Morrissey, CEO of the 2011 Halifax Canada Winter Games, is confident in ticket sales as the event draws nearer and anticipation builds.

"It's a really exciting time, the spirit's really starting to come alive. You'll see a lot of Halifax and Nova Scotia spirit in the next few months."

Three years of planning have led to this final phase of Winter Games ramp-up. The next three months will see the opening of the volunteer centre and training of volunteers, completion of major venues like the Canada Games Centre and Canada Games Oval, and finishing touches to the festival ceremonies.

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► Health Minister Maureen MacDonald speaks outside Province House at a Campaign to Control Cancer rally as organizer Joanne Parker listens yesterday.

Federal coverage urged for cancer drugs

Suzanne Winters was diagnosed with breast cancer in July, and she can't afford the medication she needs.

"I'm very worried about if I have to use some of my retirement savings in order to live, and then what if I do live?"

It's a question many Canadians have to ask according to Joanne Parker, an organizer with the Cam-

paign to Control Cancer.

Parker's group held a rally outside province house yesterday, calling for national catastrophic drug coverage, and asking Nova Scotia Health Minister Maureen MacDonald to lobby the federal government.

"The burden of these incredibly expensive drugs is too much for many provinces," she said. "We're

not asking the Nova Scotia government to cover more drugs today, we're asking them to help us move this to the federal level."

MacDonald addressed the group of about 30 demonstrators, pledging to bring up the issue at the next federal, provincial and territorial ministers meeting, which she will chair for the next two years.

"I very much would like to see this on the ... agenda for our talks," she said.

"There are drugs that are so extraordinarily expensive but necessary."

While MacDonald said a long-term solution will take time, the province is doing what it can to help cancer patients now. Winters, for her part, accepts that.

"I don't know what's go-

Prevention

While the Campaign to Control Cancer is advocating for federal drug coverage, it's also trying to raise awareness of prevention.

"Cancer control isn't just about government action," said Pat Kelly, national director, in a statement. "All Canadians play a role in taking control of cancer. Collective change begins with individual actions, and on this day, Canadians are encouraged to pledge action to contribute to this national movement in their own way."

ing to happen to me," she said, laughing. "I'm just, I'm doing what I can here today to help whoever."

● ALEX BOUTILLIER

Business owners feel optimistic: Survey

The Canadian Federation of Independent Business says its monthly business barometer index rose in October following a steady drift downward through the spring and summer.

Measured on a scale be-

tween zero and 100, an index above 50 means owners expecting their business to be stronger over the next year outnumber those expecting weaker performance.

Businesses in Newfound-

land and Labrador led the Atlantic region in optimism for the month with a 69.2 index.

Nova Scotia was next at 68.8 and New Brunswick 68.2, while Prince Edward Island had the lowest index

among all provinces at 59. The national average was 66.9.

The survey suggests that the improvement in optimism was strongest in Nova Scotia, B.C., Alberta and Ontario. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Realtor faces fine for cooking books

A Hammonds Plains realtor was fined more than \$25,000 after fudging the numbers in her business expenses.

Bea MacDonald pleaded guilty to three charges of tax evasion in Halifax Provincial Court Tuesday. Investigations proved that she claimed nearly \$68,000 worth of false business expenses on her 2004 and 2005 tax returns.

After being approached by the Canada Revenue Agency in 2006, MacDonald attempted to clear her name by having invoices

\$10,998

The amount Bea MacDonald evaded paying in federal income tax, and a further \$9,617 in HST, by making false statements.

reissued by a vendor, leaving out her real estate partner's name.

She also took the time to alter more than 100 receipts so she could disguise personal expenses as business.

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Schools perturbed about math problem

A government expenditure exercise has the Nova Scotia School Boards Association scratching its head.

As part of the Back to Balance program, school boards across the province were asked to determine the impact of a three-year, \$200-million

cut to public education.

Boards were shocked to discover a 22 per cent decrease in funding.

While Nova Scotia's eight school boards will participate in the exercise, they said in a press release they find the amount of time dedicated to the Expenditure Measures Initiative disconcerting.

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▶ A banner showing the grand total raised during the Saint Mary's Hearts and Minds Capital Campaign is unfurled yesterday during a celebration in the Atrium.

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Showing us the money

The fundraising campaign raised more than \$45.4 million, surpassing the campaign goal by more than 10 per cent.

Drilling moratorium extended

▶ Drilling risks outweigh potential benefits: Estabrooks ▶ Moratorium extension not enough: Opposition



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The moratorium on oil and gas exploration in Georges Bank has been extended indefinitely.

Energy Minister Bill Estabrooks introduced legislation yesterday to ban exploration indefinitely, saying the risks of drilling in the sensitive fishing grounds outweigh the potential benefits.

"Rather than to continue this debate every few years, our legislation will provide certainty about our intentions around Georges," he said.

The moratorium extends to commercial seismic testing in the area, but does not preclude "pure testing," such as geological studies.

While the moratorium is indefinite, it can be lifted by

"We've been fighting since '86 ... and finally we're getting something that's a lot more permanent than what we've had"

CLAUDE D'ENTREMENT, MEMBERS OF NORIGS, A COALITION OF FISHERMEN, SEAFOOD PROCESSORS AND ENVIRONMENTALISTS

a majority vote in the legislature. This caused some opposition members to question the sincerity of the government's moratorium.

Liberal energy critic Andrew Younger welcomed the move, but wanted the bill structured such that it would be harder to change.

"By having a resolution of the house, it's actually much, much easier if you have a majority government to overturn this act."

News in brief

Fair comment: Ex-firefighter

LAWSUIT. A former Halifax firefighter facing a libel lawsuit after he criticized the department's chief and deputy chief on a local weekly newspaper's website argues he was making a fair comment.

In a statement of defence filed yesterday, Blair Cromwell's lawyer said his client was making a fair comment in the "public interest" when he posted comments on the Coast's website.

Fire Chief Bill Mosher and Deputy Chief Stephen Thurber went to court to require the newspaper and Internet service providers to reveal that Cromwell wrote the comments. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Man accused of \$50,000 fraud

A Cole Harbour man is facing several charges after allegedly defrauding an overseas company of approximately \$50,000.

An investigation by the RCMP/Halifax Regional Police Integrated Fraud Unit resulted in the

charges of theft over \$5,000, fraud over \$5,000, uttering forged documents and forgery.

Stephen John Cole, 46, will appear in Dartmouth Provincial court on Nov. 23.

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Montreal woman facing 66 charges

A Montreal woman is facing 66 charges in Halifax following thefts from a city bank. Police say an investigation began last week after the financial institution became suspicious about a customer's banking activity.

The investigation determined a number of ac-

counts were opened using false identification and the accounts were then used to cash counterfeit cheques.

Charges against Mafula Kuyena, 30, include possessing false identification, uttering forged documents and fraud.

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Opposition not impressed with IEF

- Government claims 2,626 jobs were 'maintained'; 1,200 created
- Opposition says numbers can't be trusted, blasts 'slush fund'



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Economic Development Minister Percy Paris touted the performance of the Industrial Expansion Fund yesterday, saying the province recoups \$3 for every dollar invested.

But Opposition leader Stephen McNeil said that the numbers can't be trusted.

The province released the IEF's 2009-2010 numbers yesterday. According to the report, the fund, which loans money to 23 businesses for capital purchases, created 1,200 jobs and "maintained" 2,626 others, accounting for \$113 million in wages and \$13.4 million in provin-

cial taxes.

"We maintain that if companies are maintaining production or increasing production, that's good for all of us," Paris said. "Because somewhere along the line, that's going to mean more jobs for someone somewhere, and hopefully that will be Nova Scotia."

But McNeil said those numbers are impossible to verify without more disclosure from the province.

"There's been no proof, no documentation, no business case laid out," he said.

"Nova Scotians do not know if they're getting value for their money. If these businesses have a good case, then allow the

public scrutiny."

When asked if more transparency was required, Paris balked at the pure possibility of a "hoax."

Fund under fire

Recently, the Industrial Expansion Fund has become more flush but it also has come under more serious scrutiny.

The province invested a record \$221 million in the Industrial Expansion Fund in 2009-2010, a full \$75 million more than the year before.

Most of the money goes to loan and loan guarantees for companies, with the

"I don't think anyone in government is used to putting things in print that are falsehoods," he said.

aim to "protect jobs and support businesses to be more competitive and sustainable."

The fund was flagged by auditor general Jacques Lapointe earlier this year. Lapointe said the province refused to turn over all the information necessary to conduct his audit.

Finance Minister Graham Steele said changes to the Auditor General Act, coming this fall, will address Lapointe's concerns.



Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil speaks at a press conference in this file photo.

Missing woman's identity under dispute

Police still have no leads in the case of a missing woman who left Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre in Amherst last month, and they say it's possible she may not be the person everyone thinks she is.

Part of the RCMP's ongoing investigation is focusing on who Katherine McNeil really is. Sources revealed to the Amherst Daily News that the Katherine McNeil whom police are looking for may be using the identity of a deceased sibling, and could, in fact, be Elizabeth McNeil.

"I can tell you, as part of our investigation, it is something we're looking at," Const. Dal Hutchinson said. "There is rumour she may be using the name of a sister who has been deceased for the better part of 20 years, but I can't con-

firm or deny that. We are looking at that as part of the investigation."

McNeil, 57, discharged herself from the hospital Oct. 4, and seemingly disappeared without a trace. Ground Search and Rescue was called to scour wooded areas near the hospital until RCMP called off the search when evidence showed McNeil had bought shoes at a nearby store.

A handful of sightings made in Amherst following the search whittled down to nothing as time went by, causing concern for police.

"We've had nothing whatsoever," Hutchinson said. "There's nothing new, no sightings. I think it's a concern she hasn't tried to contact us whatsoever."

Hutchinson said McNeil is well connected with communities in Cumber-

Tip line

Anyone with any information about McNeil's location is asked to call the RCMP Cumberland detachment at 902-667-3859.

land County, and said he hopes someone will let authorities know if she is OK. But people close to McNeil have reported that she is known to relocate without telling anyone.

She was evicted from a rental property last May and was camping in the River Hebert area with her horse, two dogs and several cats before being admitted to hospital Oct. 3.

A family member reported McNeil suffers from a brain injury — a non-malignant brain tumor.

AMHERST DAILY NEWS

Police arrest ATV rider for DUI

A man was arrested on a Rails to Trails path for al-

legedly being intoxicated on his ATV.

The incident happened on Saturday around 11:30 p.m. in Timberlea. RCMP were patrolling the trails when they stopped a man for not wearing his helmet while driving his ATV. RCMP then arrested

him for driving impaired.

The middle-aged man from Timberlea gave two breath samples over the legal limit. He will appear in Halifax provincial court on Dec. 15 to face a charge of impaired operation of a motor vehicle. ● METRO

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KKK costume stupid, but not criminal: Cops

A Ku Klux Klan costume awarded first prize at a Halloween party at a Royal Canadian Legion was "poor judgment," but not criminal, police said yesterday.

A man dressed in a KKK robe, with hood and a Confederate flag, led another man in blackface around by a rope tied in a noose around his neck at the party in Campbellford, Ont., Saturday.

A witness said the act was awarded top honours.

OPP Const. Chris Dewsbury said police received a complaint and launched

"I find it appalling, but it's not something that's indicative of our community."

TRENT HILLS MAYOR
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an investigation.

So far, it seems unlikely criminal charges will be laid, but the investigation is ongoing, Dewsbury said.

"It would appear that this is simply a case of poor judgment," he said.

Legion branch president Joy Herrington has said she apologizes and the events at the party in no way reflect the views of the branch or its members.

Patricia Varga, Dominion president of the Royal Canadian Legion said: "I am satisfied the president (of the) Ontario command of the legion has handled this matter in a forthright and speedy manner since finding out about it," Varga said.

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White-out wonderland

Today's photo of the day is by Canadian Bensonkua and was submitted in the Favourite Spot category. The photo is titled: Freshly Fallen. Enter your photos today and view more pictures at metrophotochallenge.ca.



Doomed by HST, premier steps down

► B.C.'s Campbell says 'it's time for a change' after disaster over tax

British Columbia Premier, Gordon Campbell is stepping down.

His announcement follows the disastrous introduction of the harmonized sales tax.

Campbell said he has asked for a leadership convention as soon as possible because voter anger over the tax has bogged down his government.

"After considerable soul searching and discussion with my family, I've decided to ask the B.C. Liberal party executive to hold a leadership convention at the earliest possible date to elect a new leader of the party," Campbell said.

"When public debate becomes focused on one person, as opposed to what's in the best interests of the province of British Columbia, we've lost sight of what is important."



"Politics can be a very nasty business."

GORDON CAMPBELL

"When that happens, it's time for a change," Campbell said.

The introduction of the HST has been a disaster for the B.C. Liberals.

Campbell's popularity has dropped into the single digits for the first time in three terms.

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From a galaxy far, far away, a 3-D reality

Scientists say they have taken a big step toward displaying live video in three dimensions — a technology far beyond 3-D movies and more like the Star Wars scene where a ghostly Princess Leia image pleads, "Help me, Obi-Wan Kenobi."

In that classic movie, the audience sees her back before a new camera perspective shows her face.

Such a wraparound

view of a moving image was just fantasy in the 1977 film, but now?

"It is actually very, very close to reality. We have demonstrated the concept that it works. It's no longer something that is science fiction," said Nassier Peyghambarian of the University of Arizona.

Actually, the results he and colleagues report in the journal *Nature* look more like a slide show



► A hologram of Princess Leia appears in the 1977 Star Wars film.

than a video. The technology displayed a new image only every two seconds.

That's only about one-sixtieth as fast as the system would need to produce true video.

But Peyghambarian figures that with more development his team can produce a true 3-D video screen that might reach living rooms in perhaps a decade.

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Future is now

Backers say 3-D offers many possibilities.

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A big casino winner who tried to avoid declaring winnings as he passed through the Detroit-Windsor, Ont., Tunnel ended up a big loser.

WDIV-TV said U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers seized nearly \$20,000 from two men about 11 a.m.

Monday, Officials said they were carrying \$9,400 and \$9,500, respectively, amounts purposely structured to avoid a \$10,000 threshold requiring declaration.

The unidentified men acknowledged awareness of the requirement.

Both men said they took \$4,000 to the casino and were returning with their winnings, but one later said he lost his money gambling and was carrying a portion of the driver's winnings.

The driver admitted he won \$40,000, deposited \$20,000 at the casino and split the rest with his passenger to avoid disclosure.

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Potash deal rejected by Ottawa

Ottawa has rejected a nearly \$40-billion US takeover bid by BHP Billiton to buy PotashCorp.

Industry Minister Tony Clement made the decision after reviewing the blockbuster deal to see if it would be of "net benefit" to Canada.

PotashCorp. of Saskatchewan is the world's biggest producer of potash, a key component used in fertilizer.

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► Best Buy president and COO Mike Pratt, left, and a Best Buy employee try out the Kinect for Xbox 360 at a media sneak peek of the device in Burnaby, B.C., Tuesday.

Xbox goes up a notch

► No controller needed for new Xbox Kinect ► Microsoft did more than a dozen years of research ► Games respond to player's voice or movements

Gamers may be drawn to Xbox's Kinect by the lure of putting down a controller and orchestrating the action on screen themselves.

The Kinect sensor, which goes on sale today for \$149.99, will have gamers

gyrating in front of a screen as they negotiate roaring rapids, spike a volleyball, bust a move, tickle a tiger, or burn some calories.

All without a controller, thanks to Kinect's sensor which translates body

movement into game action. But Microsoft sees the bigger picture with Kinect, bringing voice recognition and a new form of technological interaction into the living room.

Kinect creative director

Kudo Tsunoda sees it as "just the very first baby step" into a fully immersive experience where you interact with a virtual world in the same way you do in your regular life.

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Fed buys up bonds

The U.S. Federal Reserve announced a bold plan yesterday to try to invigorate the economy by buying \$600 billion US more in Treasury bonds. The Fed said it would buy about \$75 billion a

month in long-term government bonds through the middle of 2011 to further drive down interest rates on mortgages and other debt.

The idea is for cheaper loans to get people to spend more and stimulate hiring.

The Fed said it will monitor whether adjustments are needed.

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Travel light on WestJet

WestJet Airlines Ltd. will charge travellers a checked baggage fee in a search for

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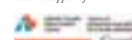
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MEN AGAINST DIVE DATING IS HERE FOR YOU

He says ...

JOHN MAZEROLLE



When you get divorced, you go to some dark, disturbing places. I went to a cougar bar.

It's been two years since my marriage ended and my decision-making skills in the immediate aftermath were sometimes lacking. I showed the high dating standards of Bret Michaels, the long-term planning skills of a goldfish, and the general intelligence of a farm-fresh potato.

Fortunately, my sojourns into seedy bars were not successful. There's nothing like waking up in the morning and doing a little celebratory dance when you realize you're alone.

And now that I am sane again I have a higher purpose: To warn recent divorcees that the answers

to their problems are NOT in bars. I plan to call it Men Against Dive Dating, unless there's some sort of unforeseen legal problem.

I'll give speeches at places where male divorcees gather — laundromats mostly — and tell people my troubling but inspirational story.

So here goes: I went to a cougar bar called Crocodile Rock.

All you really need to know about the place is that when I mentioned the bar during a standup routine it evoked instant laughter. The exception was the night I was performing for a bunch of ball-cap wearing

drunks. That night it evoked hoots of approval.

Crocodile Rock is known as the Cougar Capital of Canada. So

"I'll give speeches at places where male divorcees gather — laundromats mostly — and tell people my troubling but inspirational story."

I thought, "I'm 32. A cougar is just a contemporary, right?" Wrong.

First of all, I did not fit in. I'm not the kind of person who can walk into a dance club by himself and strut around like he owns the place. Most of the guys there were 80 per cent shoulders, 15 per cent hair gel, and five per cent

sense of smug self-satisfaction.

On some nights I'm 45 per cent crippling neuroses just for starters. I can't compete.

Second, I didn't realize there's a sliding scale of cougar. If somebody my age goes to a cougar bar I'm not leaving with anybody younger than 66. And the Liver-Spotted Toothless Cougar is a species you do not want to mess with. The gum marks aren't much, but the press-on nails can kill.

I left drunker and, if possible, more alone.

Yes, it's a sad story, but the important thing is I survived to tell it. And I plan to bring a simple message to divorced men everywhere: Cougar's just another word for nothing left to lose. Men Against Dive Dating is here for you.



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Cartoon

MICHAEL DE ADDER



I WAS WRONG, THE HST IS A JOB KILLER.

Worth mentioning

Health Canada is warning consumers about the potential risks of buying prescription drugs online from certain websites, which are offering medications not authorized for sale in Canada and thought to be counterfeit.

Those websites are: www.northdrugmart.com, www.northdrugstore.com and www.pharmacy-rxworld.com. Health Canada has identified products on these websites that contain references to brand names and resemble drugs that are authorized to be sold in Canada.

"This may lead consumers to believe they are purchasing drugs that

Buyer beware



have been reviewed for safety, efficacy and quality by Health Canada," the department said yesterday.

"It is important to note that counterfeit drugs may contain no active or unsuitable ingredients, or dangerous additives. To this end, counterfeit drugs may pose a higher risk than other forms of unauthorized drugs."

Prescription products that have been approved for sale in other countries, or generic products purporting to be the equivalent of authorized products, must still be reviewed by Health Canada and receive their own market authorization or product licence before they may be sold in Canada. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Metro Minute at Mount Saint Vincent

A national body image conference is taking place at Mount Saint Vincent University this week and a number of events are free and open to the public.

It's called Breaking The Mold, Breaking The Silence, and it's presented by the Mount's Rita Deverell.

"Our hope for the conference is that it will be a forum to share information and experiences in an

effort to take back our bodies as our most useful resource of intelligence, productivity, beauty, and accomplishment," said Deverell.

Chris Rock's Good Hair, a comedic documentary about achieving outward beauty, will be shown tonight at 7.

See www.msvu.ca/bodyimage for a list of other events. ● METRO



► Breaking The Mold, Breaking The Silence is presented by Mount Saint Vincent University's Rita Deverell.

New spin on the superhero genre

- ▶ Megamind director says collaboration with actors key to film's success
- ▶ Animated flick focuses on bad guy, and has a true love story at its core



▶ Tina Fey, left, and Will Ferrell, right, star in Megamind.

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Filmmaker Tom McGrath says he never lost control of Megamind — even when his actors began ad-libbing in the recording booth.

"That's why we had the cast we do — to be partners and collaborators," said the director recently in Los Angeles. "I would say 30 per cent of what you hear in the scene is improvised ... we'd get three (jokes) for every line that's as funny as was written."

With stars like Will Ferrell and Tina Fey on board, Megamind was definitely

"Animation is one of the hardest things for an actor to do. Everyone of these guys jumped in, instantly became the character and it's a sight to behold and I had the best seat in the house."

MEGAMIND DIRECTOR TOM MCGRATH

in safe hands. Meanwhile, an original spin on the superhero genre, McGrath (Madagascar) expertly weaves a tale about a supervillain with a colossal cranium (Ferrell) that sets out to conquer dependable do-gooder Metro Man (Brad Pitt).

"(It's mostly about) the layers underneath these characters we all know and the superhero-genre," explained McGrath, down-

playing that Megamind is straight parody. "There were a couple things we referenced but we tried to keep the movie and the comedy coming exclusively from the characters."

One notable reference is Space Dad, a hilarious character that clearly spoofs Marlon Brando's version of Jor-El in 1978's Superman.

"(Space Dad) looks more like Ted Kennedy than Mar-

lon Brando but Will saw the design for this character and thought 'I'd like to try kind of a lispy Marlon Brando,'" said McGrath. "We were laughing so hard in the recording booth ... we knew it would work."

Another element McGrath realized would be an attribute was allowing Ferrell and Tina Fey to record together — surprisingly unusual for most animated films.

"It's a superhero movie but at the heart of it is a very intimate love story and that's where casting came invaluable with Tina and Will," said McGrath. "At the end of the day, it's a great contrast."

Canadian celebs join It Gets Better campaign

A group of Canadian celebrities, businesspeople, politicians and athletes including Rick Mercer and Mark Tewksbury have joined the "It Gets Better" viral campaign, aimed at young victims of anti-gay bullying.

Columnist Dan Savage launched the movement in September following the high-profile suicides of several gay teens who were the victims of bullying.

A new 12-minute video featuring Canadian personalities hit the web on Tuesday.

Others involved in the project include ballet dancer Rex Harrington, politician George Smitherman and the cast of MTV's 1 Girl, 5 Guys.

Some recall their own harrowing experiences with high-school bullying, while others discuss when they came out. The campaign, in which celebrities talk about how much life has improved in the years since high school, is designed to give hope to youngsters.

The video ends with the contact information for the LGBT Youth Line and the Kids Help Phone.

Prior contributors to the international campaign include Ellen DeGeneres, Anne Hathaway, Neil Patrick Harris, Katy Perry, Rob Thomas and U.S. President Barack Obama.

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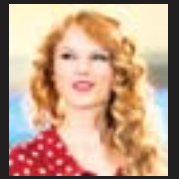


▶ Rick Mercer

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News in brief



Taylor Swift fans have spoken — more than a million times.

The country pop superstar sold more than 1 million copies of her new album Speak Now to debut at the top of the Billboard album chart this week.

Billboard.com said yesterday that it's the biggest debut since 50 Cent's The Massacre five years ago.

According to Nielsen SoundScan figures, Speak Now sold 1,047,000 copies since it was released last week.

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Jay-Z stands up for Obama

While his retirement from rap doesn't seem to be taking, Jay-Z may have another career change in mind. "Give me a chance. Maybe in eight years, I'll be the president," he tells BBC Newsbeat. In the meantime, he's coming to the defence of the current president, Barack Obama.

"In order to judge someone, you have to judge what they inherit," he says. "He inherited the worst economy, war, just a horrible time in American



► Jay-Z

history. So if we think he can solve that — I mean, we don't think he's God, do we?"

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Michaels allegedly other man in Cyrus breakup

Miley Cyrus' parents filed for divorce last week, and sources say it's because mom Tish Cyrus allegedly had an affair with Bret Michaels, according to Us Weekly.

Michaels met the family when he recorded a duet with Miley in February.

"It was a professional re-

lationship that turned into something more," a source says of Michaels and Tish. "Billy Ray was completely unaware of what was going on."

A rep for Michaels denies the allegations, saying, "There has never been an affair or a fling."

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Heidi, Spencer spent \$10M, now bankrupt

► Reality stars said they expected *The Hills* would have lasted a few more years ► Spent nearly \$3M trying to launch Montag's career as a singer

In their quest to stay in the spotlight, Heidi Montag and Spencer Pratt say they blew threw \$10 million and are now broke and considering bankruptcy, they tell *Life & Style*.

"We were immature, worrying too much about the famous part instead of the actual business part," Pratt says. "We thought the Hills was going to be like 90210 and we'd have another five to 10 years."

The couple claims they spent \$35,000 a month on their rented Malibu home, \$3 million on studio and producer fees in an attempt to launch Montag's music career and hundreds of thousands of dollars on her plastic surgery. They say they now owe the IRS \$2 million.

"We spoke with a bankruptcy attorney and I've looked into unemployment checks," Pratt says. ● METRO



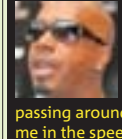
► Spencer Pratt and Heidi Montag are considering filing for bankruptcy.

Celebrity tweets



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MC Hammer
[@MCHammer]

I see a lot of dudes passing around the pic of me in the speedos.. Equal Rights For All !!! You got my support !!!



Katy Perry
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I've not been bitten by a spider. I'll file this 1 in the ever growing cabinet of false information that has been at it's PEAK as of late...



Sylvester Stallone
[@TheSlyStallone]

The Rock could eventually replace me after having been drafted into the EXPENDABLES Along with new young blood. Suggestions? ● METRO

Pressure got to Demi: Dad

Demi Lovato's father is speaking out about the Disney star's decision to entering a treatment centre, telling Radar Online it was the pressures of Hollywood that got to her.

"There are a lot of pressures," Patrick Lovato says. "That is one of the things I worried about when she signed with Disney." Patrick, however, says he had "no idea" about his daughters problems, which sources speculate include anorexia and habitual cutting. ● METRO

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METRO WORLD NEWS IN LONDON

As the release date for the Lanvin for H&M collection draws nearer, the Swedish chain reveals more details about what is shaping up to be fashion's most anticipated high/low collaboration yet.

Based on the looks revealed so far, shoppers can expect a greatest hits type collection of the house's trademark, thoroughly modern statement dresses, bold cocktail jewelry, and embellished handbags at affordable prices.

Lanvin creative director Alber Elbaz believes that these types of partnerships are the future of fashion.

"I love the idea of H&M going luxury rather than Lanvin going public," he says in a press statement provided by H&M.

"It's about extremes: very high and very low. It's not about bridges; they are the first to collapse," he adds.

It's hard to believe this is all coming from the same man who just last year told The New Yorker magazine that he wouldn't design a lower-priced line to complement Lanvin.

"I have a problem to do a collection that is a secondary line. I mean, you

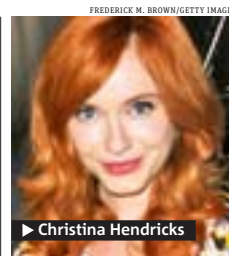


► Lanvin for H&M hits stores in Canada on Nov. 20.

don't want to be the step-sister. You want to be Cinderella. Show me one girl who wants to be the step-sister," he said.

So does the H&M line reveal an overall change of mind? Fingers crossed that it does.

In the meantime, shoppers will at least have Nov. 20, the day it all hits stores in Toronto and Vancouver, to look forward to.



Pay lip service

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From Christina Hendricks' come-hither crimson to Emily Blunt's resplendent rouge, red lips are among this season's hottest trends. Here, we show you how to avoid the cardinal sins and go scarlet in style:

Choose the right shade

According to makeup artist Charlotte Willer of Maybelline New York, the best way to meet your lipstick match is to test shades on your fingertips. "They're the closest to the colour of your lips," she said.

Prime your canvas

A flaky finish will spoil the look, so exfoliate first by gently buffing lips with a washcloth, then moisturize with eye cream. By the time you finish the rest of your face, the cream will be absorbed and your lips will be ready for colour.

Make one makeup statement at a time

While red lips may be in this season, the "clown" look is not, so if you're going red, keep the rest of your makeup minimal by sticking to neutral eye-shadow and blush shades.

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Up and down

Bieber Fever

Justin Bieber is releasing a new unisex fragrance called, My World, which will hit stores later this month.



Guerlain

The legendary cosmetics and perfume brand has been mired in scandal after Jean-Paul Guerlain used the French equivalent of the N-word on television.

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Designer Vera Wang mines 20 years of her own label for 20 life lessons

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Is it too early to start planning, organizing and deco-

rating for Christmas? Not in my books! I've already started researching all the holiday decor trends (which you will hear about over the next weeks), penciling in holiday party dates and thinking about all the locations where I can place the tree in the house this year.

Tomorrow, I land at the Jasper Park Lodge to at-

tend a two-week event called Christmas In November, which will get me completely pumped about entertaining and decorating for the holidays.

When I finally land home from being in "the land of a million Christmas trees," I'll be pumped to get the house decorated and the parties will then start.

Here's an early buzz list to get you thinking about the holidays: It's my list of common Holiday Decorating Mistakes; what not to do if you want to impress:

Don't scatter holiday cards and collections: placing your itty-bits collectibles all over the house just looks messy.

DO: The collectible holiday bells, angels and snowmen will look much more impressive if you group them together in a tight collection. Use your mantel, sideboard or floating shelf and tightly group your collections together.

Don't buy a too-short tree: choose a tree that is no more than one foot short-



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► Rule of thumb: 100 lights for each foot of the tree's height

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er than the ceilings. Any-thing shorter will look wimpy.

DO: If you want give a short tree some nice height, place the tree on a sidetable covered with a festive tablecloth or Christmas wrap.

If you live in a small space, consider putting a full-sized tree outside on the balcony and decorate with outdoor ornaments and lights.

Don't use wimpy garlands

and wreaths: Most store-bought garlands are thin-looking and need some beefing up.

DO: Add a second garland rope to it or add artificial greens to the garland or a skimpy looking wreath. Fuller, lush and fresh looking is better! If you live in a condo, consider hanging your wreath on the inside of your condo door so you can see it more often.

Don't display bowls of candies, chocolates and nuts as decoration: Honestly, I don't like dusting off my chocolates before eating and guessing whether your dog licked over the candy bowl (and you know

it did!).

DO: If you want to create a holiday display on your coffee table, use fresh items like lemons, pomegranates, and tangerines. They'll not only add colour but aroma to the room.

Don't use too few tree lights: A sparsely lit tree looks cheap and very Charlie Brown.

DO: Here's the shining rule about tree lights: add 100 lights for each foot of the tree's height then add 10 per cent more. There's nothing more romantic than a dim room illuminated only by the glow of festive lights. Perfection!

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eruption of flavour as the sandwich features Calabrese salami, Provolone cheese, Dijon mustard, and black olive paste on grilled focaccia. I ask for hot peppers instead of the dill pickle. Wow — now this is a sandwich. My side bean salad is a tasty array of beans and bits of pepper and red onion.

My friend orders the Parmesan Chicken, one chicken breast with a light crusty topping. The flavour is nice but it's a tad dry. Her salad, however, is excellent. It's a colourful mix of sweet peppers, asparagus and red onion. It's a bustling and bright café, a fine choice for lunch.



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2 Transfer into stoneware in slow cooker base. Add remaining ingredients and stir to combine. Cover, cook on low for 5 1/2 to 7 1/2 hours or until meat is cooked through.

3 Remove bay leaves before slicing and serving. Makes six servings.

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Ingredients :

- 30 ml (2 tbsp) olive oil
- 1 beef brisket
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- 5 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 large onion diced
- 1 kg (2 lb) potatoes, peeled and cut into 2-cm (3/4-inch) cubes
- 500 g (1 lb) parsnips,

- peeled and cut into 5 mm (1/4-inch) slices
- 500 (1 lb) carrots, peeled and cut into 0.5 cm slices
- 250 ml (1 cup) red wine
- 250 ml (1 cup) beef broth
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Hockey news



According to the Lewiston Maineiacs, Kirill Kabanov is working out with the Dartmouth Ice Dawgs major midget hockey team at the Sportsplex while his visa paperwork is processed. Kabanov, a talented New York Islanders prospect with a reputation for being an enigma, was traded to the Maineiacs last week from the Moncton Wildcats for a package of draft choices.



Scan code for sports

Did Clarke choose to leave Moose?

► Statement issued by former Halifax defenceman raises a few questions



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Garrett Clarke's first public statement since being cut loose by the Halifax Mooseheads has led to more questions than answers.

Clarke, who the Mooseheads announced they had "removed from their roster" on Monday, issued a statement to Metro yesterday via agent Allain Roy.

"I regret to announce that I will be moving on from the Mooseheads organization into a different league for the time being," Clarke said in the statement. "I really enjoyed my time in Halifax as well as the great fans and teammates I had there. A lot of thought has been put into this decision and it has not been easy. Thank you to the Mooseheads organization and the fans for giving me the opportunity to be part of the Halifax community for the past couple of seasons."

Roy said it is the "one and only statement" from Clarke on the issue and did not respond to a followup inquiry requesting clarification on whether parting ways was Clarke's choice, the Mooseheads' choice or a mutual decision. Roy also did not mention the team or league to which Clarke is headed. Clarke, who turned 18 yesterday, had a goal and five assists and a QMJHL-leading 53 penalty minutes in 18 games and was one of

Infirmity list

- The Halifax Mooseheads could potentially have all three of their injured players available on the weekend.
- Forwards Luca Ciampini (concussion), Andrew Ryan (chin) and Gabriel Desjardins (upper body) are all listed as "day-to-day" and "recovering nicely," according to general manager Cam Russell.
- The Mooseheads, 6-13-1, host the Chicoutimi Saguenéens, 6-9-4, tomorrow and the Shawinigan Cataractes, 10-6-1, on Saturday.

the team's top defencemen.

Mooseheads majority owner/head coach Bobby Smith did not give any indication Clarke had a say in the move when he explained what happened. Smith said Monday "it was just time" to part ways and pointed to Clarke's lack of on-ice discipline as "part of" the problem.

The Mooseheads can't move Clarke to another QMJHL team until the trade period opens on Dec. 19.

The United States Hockey League and Maritime Junior Hockey League are possibilities for Clarke in the meantime. But no USHL teams had filed paperwork on Clarke as of yesterday and the Amherst Ramblers, who hold Clarke's MHL rights, have only confirmed they would welcome Clarke if he wants to play there.



► Garrett Clarke has made his first public statement since his falling out with the Mooseheads earlier this week.

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Retooled Huskies hope to finish job

► Women's basketball squad looks to win first AUS banner since 1976-77

Tip off

The Atlantic University Sport basketball season tips off tonight at the Tower with the Saint Mary's Huskies hosting Acadia. The women tip off at 6 p.m. and the men at 8 p.m.

The Huskies' men's team, led by returning all-Canadian point guard Joey Haywood, will look to improve on last season's 14-6 record.

The Dalhousie Tigers don't open the season until next Tuesday. The women went 10-10 last season and the men, who won the AUS banner in 2009, went 12-8.



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The Saint Mary's Huskies were on the brink of snapping a 33-year title drought last March.

This time around, they're hoping to finish the job.

The Huskies, who are in search of their first Atlantic University Sport women's basketball banner since 1976-77, have retooled after a nail-biting loss to the powerful Cape Breton Capers in last year's final in Sydney.

With six returnees and some new recruits to surround star point guard Justine Colley, the Huskies fully expect to contend in the competi-

tive eight-team circuit.

"There's a lot of basketball to be played ... but if we jell, we can be a pretty good basketball team," said Huskies head coach Scott Munro.

"We really developed last season and we had a great run in the playoffs."

The Huskies, who won eight straight games before losing in the AUS final, have lost key starters Laure Pitfield and Kelsey Daley.

Former AUS rebounding champion Susanne Canvin from P.E.I. and Maegan Seaward from the Memorial Sea-Hawks are key transfers who will help fill that void along with six-foot Norwegian Charlotte Matthieson and New Brunswick high

school star Julie Hatcher.

All-rookie selection Robbie Daley and returning starter Rebecca Nuttall will look to build from last year's experience.

"Having to play Cape Breton on their own court, in the AUS final, really helped those returning kids grow up," Munro said.

Colley, an all-star from East Preston who finished third in the nation with 20.9 points per game, will be the key once again.

"She's continuing to get better," Munro said of his sophomore captain.

"She carries a lot of the scoring load and defends the other team's top player, and we're expecting more of that from her."



► Justine Colley will be the cornerstone of the Saint Mary's Huskies women's basketball team this season.

Jays GM ready to roll the dice

Alex Anthopoulos can pinpoint the exact moment his mindset as general manager of the Toronto Blue Jays changed.

The instant when the "light bulb went off" came during a conversation with Cincinnati Reds GM Walt Jocketty during spring training in March.

Anthopoulos was digesting the decision to give Cuban shortstop Adeiny Hechavarria \$10 million US over four years. Weeks earlier, Jocketty had outbid Anthopoulos for another Cuban, left-hander Aroldis Chapman, and praised him for accepting the risk in signing Hechavarria.

"He said, 'That's how you're going to get better, you're going to get better if you take a shot, you're going to have to take a shot at times,'" Anthopoulos recalled during a recent interview.

"I looked back at my off-season, trade talks, dialogue ... and I just found myself being so much more conservative than I needed to be or wanted to be."

The main takeaway for Anthopoulos as he heads into his second off-season as GM is that while risk

shouldn't be embraced recklessly, it's OK to swing and miss once in a while if the potential reward is worthwhile.

Since he believes playing it safe won't help the Blue Jays overcome the New York Yankees, Boston Red Sox and Tampa Bay Rays, they must find other ways to close the gap in the American League East, and taking more calculated gambles is one way to accomplish that.

"If we're going to do what everyone else is going to do in this division, we have no chance of getting better," said Anthopoulos. "If it's the easy decision and everything lines up, the I's are dotted and T's are crossed, well everyone is going to look to do it and you're probably not going to be able to do what you want to do."

"We're going to have take chances at times and make moves that may open us for criticism, but we also have to look at the upside of the moves. They may backfire and may not work, but if they hit, we're going to do really well."

"And that's how we're going to get better."

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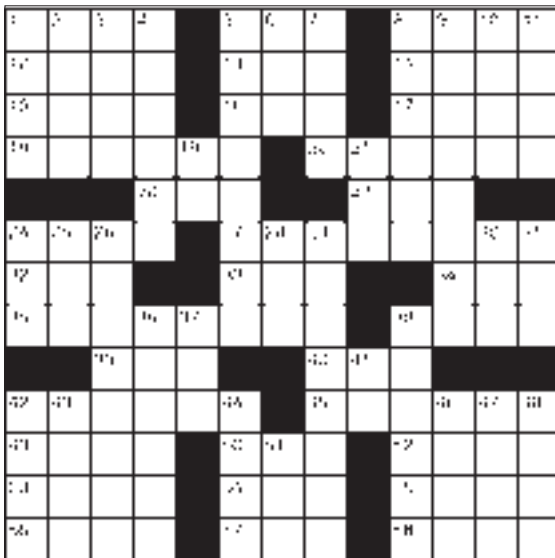
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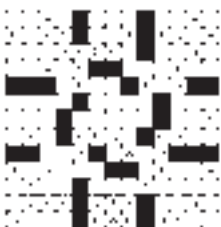
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32 Yoko of music
33 Larry's pal
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Yesterday's answer



Sudoku

8				1		9	2	7
					9			4
		5		2	4	6		
1				6	7	4		
		6	2	5				9
		2	9	8		3		
6			1					
4	8	3		7				5

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer

7	6	1	3	9	5	2	8	4
5	4	9	7	8	2	1	6	3
2	3	8	1	6	4	9	5	7
3	8	2	5	4	6	7	9	1
4	1	5	9	3	7	6	2	8
6	9	7	2	1	8	3	4	5
1	7	6	4	5	9	8	3	2
9	2	4	8	7	3	5	1	6
8	5	3	6	2	1	4	7	9

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BERTAUS
MAXIMUS

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Snookle-Bunny, You truly are my Hubbily-bubbly hunnikins, and I wuv you so much. I'm so glad we're going to spend the rest of our lives together building pillow forts and the like.

WUV,
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Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20

There is no reason to be too suspicious if someone makes you an offer today because the planets suggest they are on the level.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21

Set your sights high today and keep them high right through tomorrow and the weekend. Some may say your goals are too tough but once you get started, your Taurus drive and determination will see you through to success.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21

The most important thing today is that you stick with the task you are working on. Don't let other people tempt you off in a different direction. It's all about focus.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22

If you ask for assistance you will be surprised how many people come running to help you. The reason is that you have helped them many times in the past.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23

Nothing in life happens by chance — each and every event is caught up in the great web of cause and effect. Bear that thought in mind today when a seemingly random event threatens to spoil your day.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22

You may find it hard to be forceful today but that's okay because with Mercury, your ruler, on good terms with Jupiter, planet of joviality, the only thing you need more of in your life is fun.

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♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23

There is more than one way to get your point across and if for some reason you don't get the chance to speak today you can still let others know how you feel by the look in your eye.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22

You seem to have the knack of doing the right thing in the right way at the right time, thanks to the Sun in your sign.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21

Communications planet Mercury makes a perfect link to your ruler Jupiter today, so even the most tongue-tied Sag will get along with just about everyone. One individual may be a bit unforthcoming but don't waste your time worrying about them.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20

Your confidence may rise and fall alarmingly over the next 24 hours but it won't stop you pursuing your number one goal.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18

Have you taken on too much? Should you tone down your plans? "No" and "No" again are the answers to those two questions.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20

If you give certain people the impression that you are too easy-going today they might be tempted to take advantage of you. The moment you feel they are stepping over the line you must stop them as firmly as you can.

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